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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
January 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Jan '05 Index	% Change from Dec '04	% Change from Jan '04	Jan '05 Index	% Change from Dec '04	% Change from Jan '04
All Items	127.5	-0.4	2.8	125.3	-0.1	2.0
Food	128.0	-0.5	4.1	126.8	-0.3	2.5
Shelter	128.0	-0.1	3.6	122.4	0.1	3.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.0	0.1	0.4	115.3	0.0	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	109.4	-1.1	2.1	100.0	-0.8	-2.2
Transportation	143.0	-0.3	2.5	146.3	0.3	2.9
Health & Personal Care	117.3	0.3	1.5	119.0	-0.1	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	129.1	-1.3	1.5	125.5	-1.1	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.6	0.1	7.2	145.1	0.4	3.1
Energy	*148.9*	*0.2*	*9.6*	*149.1*	*1.2*	*7.3*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's January 2005 all-items CPI index of 125.8 (1992=100) was down 0 3% from last month and increased 2.4% over January 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.4% in January; it increased 2.8% over January 2004.

- Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
  -fresh vegetables (-9-9%)–fresh or frozen beef (-5.7%)
  -women's clothing (-4.4%)
  -recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-2.9%)
  -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.1%)

- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
  -non-alcoholic beverages (+6.2%)
  -automotive vehicle registration fees (+6.1%)
  -footwear (+3.3%); clothing accessories and jewellery (+2.0%)
  -preserved fruit and fruit preparations (+2.2%)
  -gasoline (+0.9%)
  -personal care supplies & equipment (+0.7%)

Canada

- From December 2004 to January 2005, all-items CPI declined 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

- Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decrease included:
  -travel tours (-13.6%)–prices for travel tours are collected in Jan., Fen. & March each year–Jan. Being the month of lowest demand
  -fresh vegetable prices (-10.8%)–mostly due to lower prices for tomatoes (-33.1%) as supply has picked up
  -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.%)–increase in financial incentives offered by some manufacturers

- Higher prices offsetting the price declines included:
  -gasoline (+2.5%)–triggered by increases in Ontario (+5.2%), Quebec (+3.5%) and increases of less than 1.0% in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
February 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Feb '05 Index	% Change from. Jan '05	% Change from Feb '04	Feb '05 Index	% Change from Jan '05	% Change from Feb '04
All Items	127.4	0.3	2.6	125.8	0.4	2.1
Food	128.3	0.2	3.8	126.6	-0.2	2.6
Shelter	128.0	0.0	2.9	122.6	0.2	3.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.8	-0.2	0.1	115.5	0.2	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	108.8	-0.5	0.8	103.0	3.0	-1.0
Transportation	144.6	1.1	3.8	147.0	0.5	3.6
Health & Personal Care	117.1	-0.2	1.6	119.7	0.6	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	129.7	0.5	0.3	126.3	0.6	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.8	0.1	7.3	145.2	0.1	2.9
Energy	*152.3*	*2.3*	*8.5*	*152.3*	*2.1*	*7.3*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's February 2005 all-items CPI index of 126.1 (1992=100) rose 0.2 % from last month and increased 2.4% over February 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.3% in February; it increased 2.6% over February 2004.

- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -gasoline (+4.1%)
  - -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+2.8%)
  - -dairy products (+2.8%); fresh or frozen beef (2.5%); processed meat (+2.2%)
  - -fuel oil and other fuel (+1.8%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -non-alcoholic beverages (-7.0%)
  - -footwear (-6.4%)
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repair (-3.1%)
  - -fresh vegetables (-3.0%)
  - -furniture (-1.9%)
  - -personal care services (-1.1%)
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.8%)

Canada

- From January 2005 to February 2005, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.1% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

- Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+3.4%)–represented the second consecutive monthly rise; increases ranged from 2.0% in ON to 7.6% in SK.
  - -women's (+4.7%); men's clothing (+4.2%)–usual to note increases in these indexes in February.
  - -travel tours (+8.1%)–every province posted an increase from high of 9.3% in ON to low in Atlantic provinces of 3.3%.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)–attributable to increases in financial incentives offered in February by some automotive vehicle manufacturers.
  - -fresh vegetables (-4.7%); fresh fruit (-3.6%)–key price declines noted for tomatoes, lettuce and apples

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
March 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Mar '05 Index	% Change from. Feb '05	% Change from Mar '04	Mar '05 Index	% Change from Feb '05	% Change from Mar '04
All Items	128.2	0.6	2.6	126.5	0.6	2.3
Food	128.7	0.3	4.4	127.1	0.4	2.8
Shelter	128.8	0.6	3.8	123.0	0.3	3.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.1	0.3	0.1	115.7	0.2	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	112.9	3.8	0.4	106.0	2.9	0.7
Transportation	146.1	1.0	3.6	148.3	0.9	3.9
Health & Personal Care	117.1	0.0	0.8	120.0	0.3	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.0	0.2	-0.5	126.8	0.4	-0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.9	0.1	4.4	146.3	0.8	3.5
Energy	*157.1*	*3.2*	*10.4*	*156.9*	*3.0*	*9.5*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's March 2005 all-items CPI index of 126.9 (1992=100) rose 0.6% from last month and increased 2.3% over March 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.6% in March; it increased 2.6% over March 2004.

- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -men's clothing (+5.6%); footwear (+5.4%); women's clothing (+4.6%)
  - -non-alcoholic beverages (+5.1%)
  - -gasoline (+4.9%)
  - -fuel oil and other fuel (+3.2%)
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.3%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -kitchen utensils, tableware & flatware (-4.8%)
  - -fresh fruits (-2.8%); other cereal grains & cereal products (-1.5%); bakery products (-1.3%)
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)
  - -recreational equipment & services (excl. vehicles) (-0.5%)

Canada

- From February 2005 to March, all-items CPI increased 0.6% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+5.2%)–third straight monthly rise ranging from 1.5% in NL to 5.9% in Quebec.
  - -women's clothing (+6.0%)–usual price increase seen in March when new summer collections are introduced.
  - -travel tours (+5.0%)–normal increase in March as demand is at its highest; ranged from +8.2% in ON to -0.9% in BC.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6)–increase in financial incentives offered by some auto vehicle manufacturers.
  - -fresh fruit (-5.5%)–apples (-3.1%), oranges (-4.5%), bananas (-0.6%) and other fresh fruits (-7.7%).
  - -traveller accommodation (-2.9%)–lower prices normal in March as winter activities end and vacationers await warmer weather to travel; decreases were observed by residents of every province except PE, NS and NB.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
April 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr '05 Index	% Change from Mar '05	% Change from Apr '04	Apr '05 Index	% Change from Mar '05	% Change from Apr '04
All Items	128.9	0.5	3.0	126.9	0.3	2.4
Food	129.1	0.3	4.7	128.3	0.9	4.0
Shelter	129.4	0.5	4.2	123.4	0.3	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.9	0.7	1.0	115.5	-0.2	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	111.0	-1.7	1.9	102.9	-2.9	-0.9
Transportation	147.9	1.2	4.7	149.5	0.8	4.2
Health & Personal Care	117.4	0.3	1.0	120.9	0.8	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.3	0.2	-0.2	126.8	0.0	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	155.3	0.9	1.7	146.5	0.1	3.0
Energy	*162.4*	*3.4*	*14.0*	*161.9*	*3.2*	*10.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's April 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.4 (1992=100) rose 0.4% from last month and increased 2.7% over April 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5% in March; it increased 3.0% over April 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -gasoline (+5.4%)
  - -fresh vegetables (+4.7%); bakery products (+4.2%)
  - -furniture (+3.8%)
  - -fuel oil & other fuel (+3.4%)
  - -purchase & operation of recreational vehicles (+2.3%)
  - -automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+1.7%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -fresh or frozen pork (-6.4%), fresh or frozen chicken (-5.1%)
  - -footwear (-4.3%); men's clothing (-3.2%); women's clothing (-1.0%)
  - -inter-city transportation (-2.3%)
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.7%)

Canada

- From March 2005 to April, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.4% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+5.2%)–increases ranged from 3.1% in Quebec to 9.6% in British Columbia.
  - -electricity (+2.8%)–pushed up 6.6% in Ontario due to rate increase April 1. Saskatchewan was the only province where prices declined.
  - -fresh vegetables (+5.5%)–poor weather conditions for harvests were main reason for increase.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -women's clothing (-6.8%)–following increase in March, prices declined due to many specials typical of this month.
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)–increased financial incentives).
  - -natural gas (-3.8%)–decreases in Ontario (-12.9%), although Alberta and Alberta showed increases of 15.9% and +2.1% respectively and other provinces remained stable.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
May 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: May '05 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from Apr '05	Nova Scotia: % Change from May '04	Canada: May '05 Index	Canada: % Change from Apr'05	Canada: % Change from May '04
All Items	129.1	0.2	2.5	127.0	0.1	1.6
Food	129.1	0.0	4.5	128.5	0.2	3.3
Shelter	130.4	0.8	4.7	123.6	0.2	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.0	0.1	2.0	115.6	0.1	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	112.2	1.1	3.5	102.3	-0.6	-0.5
Transportation	146.6	-0.9	0.2	149.0	-0.3	0.5
Health & Personal Care	117.2	-0.2	1.2	120.7	-0.2	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.0	0.5	-0.6	127.5	0.6	-0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	156.8	1.0	2.5	147.6	0.8	2.9
Energy	*162.2*	*-0.1*	*6.6*	*158.8*	*-1.9*	*1.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's May 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.6 (1992=100) rose 0.3% from last month and increased 3.0% over May 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in May; it increased 2.5% over May 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -electricity (+6.1%)
  - -traveller accommodation (+5.4%)
  - -footwear (+3.6%); women's clothing (+2.6%)
  - -cigarettes (+1.1%)
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.5%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -sugar & confectionery (-9.9%); non-alcoholic beverages (-6.0%)
  - -children's clothing (-4.3%)
  - -gasoline (-3.3%); fuel oil & other fuel (-0.5%)
  - -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-2.4%)
  - -personal care supplies & equipment (-0.9%)

Canada

- From April 2005 to May, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -fresh fruit (+7.2%)–seasonal increase
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.6%)–reductions in financial incentives offered by some auto manufacturers
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.4%)–of the provinces that experienced increase, Quebec at +3.9% and Alberta at +3.8% showed the highest increases
  - -traveller accommodation (+5.8%)–price increase related to advent of summer seasons.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -gasoline (-3.1%)–eight provinces posted declines ranging from 0.9% in NB to 4.7% in SK.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
June 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: June '05 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from May '05	Nova Scotia: % Change from June '04	Canada: June '05 Index	Canada: % Change from May'05	Canada: % Change from June '04
All Items	129.0	-0.1	2.0	127.2	0.2	1.7
Food	128.9	-0.2	3.0	128.9	0.3	2.6
Shelter	130.3	-0.1	4.4	123.8	0.2	2.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.9	-0.1	1.2	115.7	0.1	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	108.6	-3.2	0.3	101.3	-1.0	-0.6
Transportation	147.1	0.3	1.0	149.7	0.5	1.8
Health & Personal Care	117.4	0.2	0.9	121.1	0.3	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.7	0.5	-0.7	127.8	0.2	-0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	156.8	0.0	2.5	147.7	0.1	2.6
Energy	*163.5*	*0.8*	*8.1*	*160.9*	*1.3*	*3.9*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's June 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.5 (1992=100) declined 0.1% from last month and increased 1.7% over June 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.1% in June; it increased 2.0% over June 2004.
- Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -fresh vegetables (-6.4%); fresh or frozen beef (-3.4%)
  - -women's clothing (-5.3%); men's clothing (-4.8%)
  - -homeowners' insurance premiums (-2.3%)
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)
- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
  - -traveller accommodation (+11.6%)
  - -sugar & confectionery (+6.7%); fresh or frozen pork (+5.4%); fresh fruit (+4.3%)
  - -inter-city transportation (+2.1%)
  - -gasoline (+1.8%)
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repair (+0.6%)

Canada

- From May 2005 to June, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+2.4%)–dominant factors were higher gasoline prices in Ontario (+3.7%) and Quebec (+4.3%), while residents in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta also experienced higher gasoline prices
  - -traveller accommodation (+7.7%)–summer tourist season with increases ranging from +3.9% in Saskatchewan to +14.2% in Newfoundland & Labrador
  - -fruit (+4.1%)–third consecutive monthly increase
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.5%)–increases in financial incentives offered by some auto manufacturers
  - -men's clothing (-1.9%), women's clothing (-0.8%)–numerous specials in most provinces

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
July 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July '05 Index	% Change from. June '05	% Change from July '04	July '05 Index	% Change from June'05	% Change from July '04
All Items	129.4	0.3	2.1	127.5	0.2	2.0
Food	129.7	0.6	2.9	128.6	-0.2	2.4
Shelter	130.3	0.0	4.3	124.5	0.6	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.1	0.2	1.3	115.7	0.0	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	105.1	-3.2	-3.1	100.9	-0.4	0.0
Transportation	148.4	0.9	2.1	150.3	0.4	2.8
Health & Personal Care	117.4	0.0	0.7	121.5	0.3	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.0	1.0	-0.2	128.5	0.5	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	1.0	3.1	147.7	0.0	2.4
Energy	*167.7*	*2.6*	*12.2*	*166.3*	*3.4*	*9.2*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's July 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.9 (1992=100) rose 0.3% from last month and increased 1.8% over July 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.3% in July; it increased 2.1% over July 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -traveller accommodations (+11.2%)
  - -fresh and frozen beef (+10.3%); non-alcoholic beverages (+6.8%)
  - -liquor purchased from stores (+7.8%)
  - -gasoline (+5.6%)
  - -cablevision (including Pay TV) (+3.0%)
  - -men's clothing (+3.0%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -women's clothing (-11.2%)
  - -fresh or frozen chicken (-4.6%); fresh vegetables (-3.1%)
  - -footwear (-1.7%)
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.5%)
  - -recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-1.2%)
  - -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-1.1%)

Canada

- From June 2005 to July, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+4.0%)–all provinces experienced price increases, ranging from 1.9% in BC to 6.4% in NB
  - -natural gas (+10.7%)–most significant increase since October 2002; provinces most affected included AB (+27.6%), ON (+7.8%), BC (+4.4%) and QC (+2.1%)
  - -traveller accommodations (+5.5%)–all provinces except NL (-4.0%) recorded increases ranging from 3.6% in MB to 11.2% in NS–key reason being peak tourist season
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.7%)–increase in financial incentives offered by auto vehicle manufacturers
  - -fresh vegetables (-5.0%)–availability of new local harvest lowered prices. QC exhibited the largest decline (-11.0%) and all other provinces showed decreases except SK

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September 22, 2005

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
August 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	August '05 Index	% Change from July '05	% Change from August '04	August '05 Index	% Change from July'05	% Change from August '04
All Items	130.4	0.8	3.0	128.0	0.4	2.6
Food	129.8	0.1	2.7	128.5	-0.1	2.6
Shelter	130.3	0.0	4.2	124.4	-0.1	2.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.0	-0.1	1.1	115.8	0.1	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	110.3	4.9	-1.3	102.2	1.3	0.4
Transportation	152.2	2.6	6.1	153.1	1.9	5.8
Health & Personal Care	117.3	-0.1	0.7	121.1	-0.3	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.9	-0.1	0.0	128.4	-0.1	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	0.0	3.1	148.0	0.2	2.3
Energy	*172.8*	*3.0*	*16.0*	*171.4*	*3.1*	*12.5*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's August 2005 all-items CPI index of 128.8 (1992=100) rose 0.7% from last month and increased 2.5% over August 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.8% in August; it increased 3.0% over August 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -women's clothing (+14.2%); footwear (+5.6%)
  - -gasoline (+6.6)
  - -fresh or frozen pork (+4.7%); fresh vegetables (+4.3%)
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+1.7%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -household textiles (-10.8%)
  - -fresh or frozen beef (-4.6%); other cereal grains & cereal products (-3.6%)
  - -traveller accommodation (-2.2%)
  - -men's clothing (-1.3%)
  - -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-0.3%)

Canada

- From July 2005 to August, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+6.6%) - all provinces experienced price increases ranging from 2.3% in PE to 7.0% in ON
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.8%) - slightly lower incentives offered by car manufacturers and reduction of discounts offered to consumers by some dealers
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -fresh vegetables (-5.3%) - abundance of local harvests; fresh fruit (-2.9%) - local harvests started becoming available
  - -natural gas (-3.3%) - due to the 13.8% price decrease in Alberta–prices in most other provinces remained stable

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
September 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: Sept '05 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from Aug '05	Nova Scotia: % Change from Sept '04	Canada: Sept '05 Index	Canada: % Change from Aug'05	Canada: % Change from Sept '04
All Items	132.3	1.5	4.3	129.1	0.9	3.4
Food	129.5	-0.2	2.4	127.3	-0.9	2.1
Shelter	133.7	2.6	6.2	125.2	0.6	3.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.0	0.0	1.1	116.2	0.3	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	114.6	3.9	3.1	105.8	3.5	0.9
Transportation	156.4	2.8	9.7	157.0	2.5	9.3
Health & Personal Care	117.6	0.3	0.7	121.1	0.0	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.9	0.8	-0.1	129.1	0.5	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	0.0	3.1	148.3	0.2	2.6
Energy	*187.4*	*8.4*	*24.8*	*184.2*	*7.5*	*21.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's September 2005 all-items CPI index of 130.5 (1992=100) rose 1.3% from last month and increased 3.8% over September 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 1.5% in September; it increased 4.3% over September 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -fuel oil and other fuel (+12.8%); gasoline (+10.5%)
  - -women's clothing (+7.2%); men's clothing (+4.7%)
  - -homeowners' insurance premiums (+4.7%)
  - -tuition fees (+4.5%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -fresh vegetables (-6.9%), fresh or frozen pork (-5.7%); fresh fruit (-3.1%)
  - -automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-2.8%)
  - -inter-city transportation (-2.1%)
  - -paper, plastic and foil supplies (-1.6%)

Canada

- From August 2005 to September, all-items CPI increased 0.9% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.4% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (+10.8%)–the fifth highest monthly increase since 1949–increases were posted in all provinces, ranging from 8.3% in MB to 20.2% in PEI
  - -fuel oil (+13.7%)–concerns over supply capacity and strong demand; natural gas (+7.4%)–a 31.5% increase in AB was responsible for virtually all of the increase
  - -women's clothing (+7.5%)–pushed upward by introduction of new fall-winter collections–highest monthly increase since the introduction of the GST in January 1991
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
  - -fresh vegetable (-7.9%)–abundant local harvests; fresh fruit (-7.1%)–downward price experienced in almost all categories

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
October 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia: Oct '05 Index	Nova Scotia: % Change from. Sept '05	Nova Scotia: % Change from Oct '04	Canada: Oct '05 Index	Canada: % Change from Sept'05	Canada: % Change from Oct '04
All Items	131.6	-0.5	3.5	128.5	-0.5	2.6
Food	128.6	-0.7	1.7	127.7	0.3	1.9
Shelter	134.8	0.8	6.1	126.0	0.6	3.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.9	-0.1	1.1	115.7	-0.4	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	112.4	-1.9	-1.1	104.5	-1.2	-0.9
Transportation	152.3	-2.6	6.4	153.3	-2.4	6.0
Health & Personal Care	117.6	0.0	1.2	121.2	0.1	1.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	134.2	0.2	1.0	128.0	-0.9	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.2	-0.1	3.1	147.9	-0.3	2.4
Energy	*180.6*	*-3.6*	*17.7*	*175.8*	*-4.6*	*13.5*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's October 2005 all-items CPI index of 129.9 (1992=100) declined 0.5% from last month and increased 3.0% over October 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.5% in October; it increased 3.5% over October 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -fresh vegetables (+5.7%); bakery products (+2.9%)
  - -property taxes (including special charges) (+5.3)
  - -recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (+3.4%)
  - -fuel oil and other fuel (+2.3)
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.5)
- Since last month, price declines of particular note included:
  - -traveller accommodation (-9.9)
  - -fresh or frozen beef (-9.8%); non-alcoholic beverages (-6.8%); processed meat (-5.2%)
  - -gasoline (-8.5%)
  - -footwear (-6.2%)
  - -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-3.5%)

Canada

- From September 2005 to October, all-items CPI decreased 0.5% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month notable higher prices included:
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.6%)–less generous financial incentives from manufacturers
  - -property taxes (+3.2%)–changes in property taxes are reflected in the CPI once a year in October. The biggest jump in rates was recorded in NB (+7.3%), while SK enjoyed lower rates (-0.2%).
- Price declines of note included:
  - -traveller accommodation (off-season rates) (-9.2%)– lower hotel rates
  - -gasoline (-8.9%)–result of lower wholesale prices and lower crude oil prices on the world market
  - -women's clothing (-3.9%)–discount sales a normal occurrence this time of year. This month-over-month drop was the highest recorded for an October since the introduction of this series in 1982.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
November 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Nov '05 Index	% Change from. Oct '05	% Change from Nov '04	Nov '05 Index	% Change from Oct'05	% Change from Nov '04
All Items	130.7	-0.7	2.3	128.2	-0.2	2.0
Food	129.6	0.8	1.3	128.4	0.5	1.4
Shelter	134.2	-0.4	4.9	126.1	0.1	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.8	-0.1	0.8	116.2	0.4	1.0
Clothing & Footwear	109.5	-2.6	-3.9	101.8	-2.6	-1.4
Transportation	149.4	-1.9	3.2	152.2	-0.7	3.7
Health & Personal Care	118.2	0.5	0.8	121.7	0.4	2.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.4	-1.3	0.9	127.1	-0.7	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	0.1	3.1	148.3	0.3	2.5
Energy	*167.7*	*-7.1*	*9.8*	*165.1*	*-6.1*	*8.8*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's November 2005 all-items CPI index of 129.1 (1992=100) decreased 0.6% from last month and increased 1.9% over November 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.7% in November; it increased 2.3% over November 2004.
- Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -traveller accommodation (-13.6%)
  - -gasoline (-13.4%); fuel oil and other fuel (-3.0%)
  - -sugar & confectionery (-8.4%)
  - -footwear (-4.2%);women's clothing (-2.8%)
  - -recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-2.1%)
- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
  - -fresh or frozen beef (+12.1%); fresh vegetables (+3.4%); processed meat (+2.9%)
  - -purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+5.3%); automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+1.5%)
  - -food purchased from restaurants (+0.5%)

Canada

- From October 2005 to November, all-items CPI decreased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -gasoline (-11.2%)–result of lower wholesale prices and lower crude oil prices on the world market.
  - -traveller accommodation (-11.0%)–normal November demand.
- Offsetting price increases of note included:
  - -purchasing and leasing automotive vehicles (+5.0%)–reflecting prices for 2006 models.
  - -fresh vegetables- (9.9%)–higher prices particularly for green peppers, cauliflower, celery and cucumbers.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
December 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Dec '05 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from Nov '05	Nova Scotia % Change from Dec '04	Canada Dec '05 Index	Canada % Change from Nov '05	Canada % Change from Dec '04
All Items	130.9	0.2	2.7	128.1	-0.1	2.2
Food	130.9	1.0	1.8	129.3	0.7	1.7
Shelter	133.1	-0.8	3.9	125.7	-0.3	2.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.6	-0.2	0.6	116.2	0.0	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	111.4	1.7	0.7	100.4	-1.4	-0.4
Transportation	151.1	1.1	5.4	152.1	-0.1	4.3
Health & Personal Care	117.6	-0.5	0.6	121.5	-0.2	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.7	-0.5	0.7	126.6	-0.4	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.1	-0.1	3.0	147.5	-0.5	2.1
Energy	*167.4*	*-0.2*	*12.7*	*162.3*	*-1.7*	*10.2*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's December 2005 all-items CPI index of 129.3 (1992=100) rose 0.2% from last month and increased 2.5% over December 2004. The annual index moved from 125.0 in 2004 to 128.1 in 2005, resulting in an annual increase of 2.5%. The annual average increase in 2004 was 1.7%.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in December; it increased 2.7% over December 2004. The annual index moved from 126.1 in 2004 to 129.6 in 2005, resulting in an annual increase of 2.8%. The annual average increase in 2004 was 1.8%.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
  - -fresh or frozen pork (+9.6%); fresh vegetables (+7.2%); sugar & confectionery (+5.4%); food purchased from restaurants (+0.6%)
  - -footwear (+5.5%); women's clothing (+2.3%)
  - -gasoline (+3.9%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
  - -fuel oil and other fuel (-6.5%)
  - -traveller accommodation (-5.8%)
  - -fresh or frozen chicken (-4.2%)
  - -personal care supplies & equipment (-1.4%)
  - -men's clothing (-1.3%)
  - -home entertainment equipment (-1.0%)
  - -recreational equipment and services (-0.9%)

Canada

- From November 2005 to December, all-items CPI decreased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.2% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago. The index moved from 124.6 in 2004 to 127.3 in 2005, resulting in an annual increase of 2.2%. The annual average increase in 2004 was 1.9%.
- Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
  - -natural gas (-6.1%)—fully attributable to decreases in Alberta and Quebec; fuel oil prices (-4.9%)—decreases noted in all provinces ranging from 2.6% in Quebec to 9.1% in British Columbia
  - -women's clothing (-2.8%)—result of pre-Christmas sales
- Offsetting price increases of note included:
  - -fresh vegetables (+9/0%)—price of tomatoes played a strong role in increase; fresh fruit (+4.3%)—all categories of fresh fruit showed higher prices